Affiliated Utes formed three Corporations at recent meet

At a meeting of the Affiliated Ute Citizens held last Saturday at the American Legion Barracks in Roosevelt plans were made to effect three corporations dealing with range lands.

For some time a study has been made to set up three separate corporations and select five members to sign each of the articles of incorporation. They also considered filing of articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

At the Saturday meeting these various steps were taken, and non-profit corporations were set up—one a sheep corportion; one a cattle corporation, and a distributive corporation to distrbute funds which will come to the group from oil leases, oil lease bonuses, royalties, claims settled by the government and other income to the group.

Explained Program

John H. Boyden, Ute tribe attorney, and his associate, Bryant H. Croft, explained the legal aspects of the proposals and how the corporations, when set up, would work.

The 490 members of the Affiliated Ute Citizens each will receive one share in the cattle and sheep corporations. After the final requirements have been met by the corporations and they are establised and stock has been issued, the individual members may exchange or sell their stock.

As an example—if a member is running cattle and he desires to exchange his sheep stock with a sheepman, this can be done. They will also have the right to sell or buy stock.

Each share of stock will have one vote at all meetings of the corporations.

To Engage Bookkeeper

At some future date the Affiliated Ute groups will appoint some firm or bookkeeping concern to keep their records and assist them in exchanging the corporate stock and regulating the running of livestock on the range lands.

Another meeting of the membership of the Affiliated Utes will be held on November 1, at which time additional phases of the program will be considered.

Following the next meeting, a board of directors for each corporation will be elected, consisting of five members. Also by-laws to govern them will be approved. It is anticipated the by-laws will determine the tenure of office for the directors and will provide the date of the annual meetings.

Officials Attend

In addition to the legal advisors to the Affiliated Ute Citizens the following Indian department officials attended the meeting and assisted in advisory capacities: Darrell Fleming, agency superintendent; O. K. Weaver, land operations officer; Gail Weilang, range conservationist; Raymond Carufel, reality officer; Albert Harris, executive manager of the mixed blood group, and Fred M. Haverland, area director for the Indian service of Phoenix, Arizona. The others are residents of Fort Duchesne and Roosevelt.

Main purpose of the Saturday meeting and other previous and those planned for the future is to carry out provisions of Public Law 671 which provides for the termination and removal of federal restrictions over the Indian and his trust property.